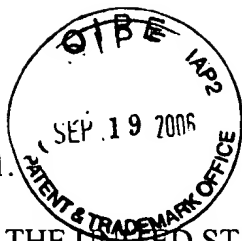


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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
MASAHITO YAMAMOTO)
Application No.: 09/823,990)
Filed: April 3, 2001)
For: SERVICE MANAGEMENT APPA-)
RATUS FOR MANAGING SERVICE :
INFORMATION FOR SERVICES)
PRESENT IN NETWORK SYSTEM :
AND APPARATUS FOR IN-)
STRUCTURING SERVICE MANAGE- :
MENT APPARATUS)
Examiner: El Hadji M. Sall
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 15, 2006, please amend the above-identified application in the following manner. The changes to the specification are at page 2, the amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing beginning at page 3, and the Remarks begin at page 20.

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